

to seen a repeal. I don't know what some of the advantages are, but if we do keep postponing it from year to year and they do incur costs, you know, my main wish would be to repeal the law. There have been comments here that people going back on their promises, I don't think people are going back on their promises, I think the economy has went back on us. I'm sure that you all were sincere when you passed it. I would have been the same way if I would have been down here, a member of your body, but I'm also sure I would have felt like the way the economy turned out and I know people in my area, any place in western Nebraska I'm sure, realizing what has happened to the economy, they do not expect this to happen now and I don't think they expect it to happen next year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, we're on the Hoagland amendment to the Hall amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President, I just want to say, hey, wait a minute. There has been a lot of talk about the Legislature giving property tax relief and I just want to set the record straight. I don't know about your district, but in my district there is a lot of taxpayers confused about the state being in the property tax business and I just want to make it perfectly clear that we are not. The State Legislature can never give property tax relief. We've been talking about that and agonizing over how to do it ever since I've been down here and I'm sure before that. I just want to make it perfectly clear that true property tax relief can only be given by those subdivisions of government who collect and spend the property tax and we have tried to help out with state aid to education, state aid to subdivisions and various other means that in fact have taken up a great share of what...of our budget that we collect through income and sales taxes. I think that the people back in our districts have to be carefully explained and told and I think that many of them are going to be disappointed because we had great expectations when we came down here early this year and I, as Senator Beutler said, think that probably next year is going to be worse. But I want to be an optimist and I want to give every opportunity that I can to relieve our property taxpayers, particularly in the urban areas. But I think they will understand, but I think that I will go along with the two year extension because I do not see the next year we will not be back here again talking with the same rhetoric and maybe we can come